GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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PLANTATION OF EUCALYPTUS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of coverage under which Eucalyptus trees are grown in various parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote its plantation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests monitors tree planting in the country against the annual Twenty Point Programme target in terms of two parameters only, namely area covered and seedlings planted. It does not monitor species-wise progress of plantation in the country.

(b),(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not taken steps to specifically promote the plantation of Eucalyptus species in the country. Under the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) being implemented by the Ministry, however, the choice of species to be planted in the project area is decided in consultation with the members of the village-level Joint Forest Management Committees, keeping in view the needs of the local community and the ecological factors.